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FM AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS  
TO SECSTATE WASHDC 1231  
INFO AMEMBASSY AMMAN  
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E.O. 11652: GDS  
TAGS: PFOR, SA, XF  
SUBJECT: REPORTED SAUDI OPPOSITION TO PALESTINIAN STATE  
AND SYRIAN-JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN CONFEDERATION

1. USUALLY WELL-INFORMED POLITICAL OFFICER OF FRENCH  
EMBASSY TOLD EMBOFF JAN. 7 FRENCH UNDERSTANDING OF CURRENT  
SAUDI POSITION WAS THAT SAUDIS OPPOSED CREATION OF PALESTINIAN  
STATE ON GROUNDS IT WOULD BE SUSCEPTIBLE TO SOVIET INFLUENCE  
AND LIKEWISE OPPOSED CREATION OF SYRIAN-JORDANIAN-PALESTINIAN  
FEDERATION OR CONFEDERATION BECAUSE IT WOULD FACILITATE  
SOUTHWARD EXPANSION OF LEFTIST BAATHI IDEOLOGY. IN FINAL  
ANALYSIS, HE THOUGHT IT MIGHT BE SAUDIS RATHER THAN ISRAELIS  
WHO PREVENTED PALESTINIAN SELF-DETERMINATION.

2. CONVENTIONAL SYRIAN WISDOM, OF COURSE, LAYS FULL  
BLAME FOR NON-REALIZATION OF PALESTINIAN NATIONHOOD AT  
ISRAELI AND U.S. DOORS.

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